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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

Dear Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 for the above identified application. A Final Office Action was mailed July 29, 2004. A Response to the Final Office Action was mailed September 29, 2004, within the two month time allowed for an Advisory Action. An Advisory Action was mailed November 2, 2004 in which the Examiner notified the Applicants that the submitted amendments were not entered. Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments and remarks be considered as the required submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and that they be made of record. A fee for one-month extension of time along with a fee for the filing of an RCE is submitted with this action.

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It is submitted that the amendments to the claims are fully responsive to the final office action and present no new matter.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.